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1. Q. Do you know of any instances of resistance in the field of medicine to Western ideas and practices?
2. A. I have heard no doctors from the countries of the Near East and Far East who have had the opportunity to see and evaluate the treatment and diagnosis employed by the Western medical profession say that they oppose these ideas and practices. From these doctors I have heard statements that their practice of medicine, both as to treatment and diagnosis, is from 15 to 25 years behind that which is practiced in the US. I know this to be true from my own visits in 1950 to Syria, Lebanon, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Egypt. The doctors from these areas have told me that if they had laboratories, and other diagnostic facilities, and the technicians, they, too, would be practicing their profession in the Western way.
3. Last fall, a prominent doctor and professor of medicine from East Pakistan told me that he was going to do everything within his power to do away

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with "bedside diagnosis" and bring to his country facilities by which diagnosis can be determined in the laboratory.

4. For the past three months, we have had 10 prominent MD's from Thailand here at our clinic, some were heads of medical schools and others specialists in various medical fields. All expressed their desire for adopting Western medical ideas and practices in their country.
5. A prominent ^{ANESTHETIST} pediatrician from Egypt stated before his departure for that country in April 1953, that he was sent to this country by General Naguib to study Western ideas in anesthesiology, and bring these ideas back to his country and put them into practice.
6. Physical Medicine is almost unheard of in the Near and Far East, especially the rehabilitation department of Physical Medicine, and this field is being carefully studied by visiting doctors as well as Fellows who are interested in Public Health and Industrial Medicine.
7. Recently the Director of Social Security in Egypt visited the Clinic. Upon his return to Egypt, he plans to send one or two of his assistants to the US with directions to familiarize themselves with Western ideas and practices in Physical Medicine.
8. The ideas and practices of Western medicine are being used in the hospitals established by the American-Arabian Company in Saudi Arabia. The head of this department is a former Fellow from this Clinic.
9. Medical personnel from these areas, who have recently arrived at the Clinic, informed me that the Western ideas and practices of medicine are being accepted practically everywhere. WHO and other agencies are doing a remarkable job in bringing to these countries Western practices in medicine. This is evidenced by the continual increase in the number of applications for fellowship, and medical observers to visit Western medical institutions.

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